

# **Building A Stronger Massachusetts: Immigration, Workforce, and the Economy**

*Exploring how immigrant inclusion drives economic growth and resilience across the Commonwealth*

**Thursday, January 22, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM | Registration and Networking begins at 8:30am**

## Welcome Remarks by



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## Featured Speakers and Panelists



**Secretary Eric Paley**

Secretary of the Executive Office of  
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**Greg Reibman**

CEO and President of the  
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**Colette Phillips**

President, Colette Phillips  
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